AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of wells so far drilled in the Krishna-Godavari basin, what are their details alongwith the output; and

(b) which industries have been committed the use of gas reserves in the above region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC have so far drilled 87 wells in Krishna-Godavari basin (onshore and offshore). Out of these, hydrocarbons have been discovered in ten prospects onland and 4 prospects offshore. The time and labour involved in collection of information relating to individual wells, may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

(b) The gas resources are being utilised for various industrial uses. Commitment of gas for a power plant of APSEB has been made; a commitment in principle has also been made for a fertilizer plant at Kakinada.

Proposal for a separate gas grid in Krishna—Godavari basin

2032. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to form a separate gas grid in view of the abundant gas reserves in Krishna-Godavari basin of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A pipeline from Narasapur to Kovvur has been constructed for supplying gas to various consumers. There is no proposal for construction of a gas grid as such; additional pipelines would be laid as and when required.

Refinery by HPCL at Hazira

2033. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of a refinery by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited at Hazira has since been cleared; if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether the propsal will be incorporated in the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) what will be the refining capacity and the estimated cost and the type of crude oil to be processed in the proposed refinery; and

(c) what were the considerations for selecting Hazira as the location for the new refinery and whether feasibility reports were made available for locating the refinery on Saurashtra coast: if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) A provision of Rs. 50 Lakhs has been included in the 1989-90 Annual Plan of HPCL for Feasibility Studies for additional curde refining capacity in Hazira area. Additional refining capacity required is considered on various techno-ecomomic factors including the demand supply balance of the area to be served, avilability of the curde oil etc. and special studies in this regard.

Setting up offshore supply vessels by ONGC

2034. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has decided to sell its 31 offshore supply vessels (OSVS) to private firms; if so, what are the reasons thereof;